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Examiner

Phylesha L. Dabney

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to missing abstract PTO allowance print query.
2. ☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are 53-68 and 70.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other 10/17/06 Email Authorization.

DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the missing abstract PTO print query. Claims 53-68 and 70 are pending.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Lauricia on 17 October 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Abstract

Please see the attached sheet.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phylesha L. Dabney whose telephone number is 571-272-7494. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays 8:30-4 PM.

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October 18, 2006


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ABSTRACT

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From: Una L. Lauricia [ulauricia@pearnegordon.com]**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2006 2:19 PM**To:** Dabney, Phylesha L.**Subject:** Patent Application Serial No. 09/656805

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